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TIGER POPULATION IN NAGARJUNASAGAR SRISAILAM SANCTUARY
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tiger population has increased in the Nagarjunasagar-Srisailam Sanctuary in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) & (b) As per the findings of the recent All India estimation of tiger using refined methodology, the population of tigers in Andhra Pradesh, interalia, including the Nagarjunasagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve is 95 (mid value); the lower and upper limits being 84 and 107 respectively. The recent assessment of tiger population is based on determining spatial occupancy of tigers throughout potential tiger forests and sampling such forests using camera traps in a statistical framework. This assessment is not comparable to the earlier total count using pugmarks owing to several shortcomings in the latter, and hence no comparison regarding the trend can be made.